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SUBJ: ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION OF 2001

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1. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE US WITH YOUR ASSESSMENT AND COMMENTS REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION OF 2001. YOUR COMMENTS SHOULD IDENTIFY YOUR ACTIONS AND COVER THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

A. REVIEW OF ALL POSSIBLE STOPPING DEVICES AVAILABLE FOR DECELERATION OF THE SR-71 DURING THE LEAST FAVORABLE STOPPING CONDITIONS I.E. WET RUNWAY, HEAVY WEIGHT, FAILED DRAG CHUTE, ETC.

B. ELIMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL WHEEL STEPDOWN AND SKID UNDER HEAVYWEIGHT WET RUNWAY CONDITIONS.

C. REVIEW OF THE DRAG CHUTE PROGRAM AND TM AF 368 CONTENT WITH SPECIFIC EMPHASIS ON VALIDATION OF DRAG CHUTE SERVICE LIFE,

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FIELD TEST AND REPAIR OF DRAG CHUTES, AND STANDARDIZING OF FORMAT FOR ALL UNITS KEEPING DRAG CHUTE HISTORIES.

D. ASSESSMENT OF THE TIRE TESTING PROGRAM IN LIGHT OF DEMONSTRATED TIRE PERFORMANCE DURING R.T.O. AT HEAVY WEIGHTS.

E. REVIEW OF TIRE DEVELOPMENT FOR POSSIBLE DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS.

F. EVALUATE WHEEL PERFORMANCE AND POSSIBLE MATERIAL CHANGE (I.E. ALUMINUM WHEELS).

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